

## An Earnest Appeal to Shia Community

There are many such properties in India which belong to Allah, the Prophet and Imam and which had been made waqf by our elders in past for the welfare of the community. But it is pitiful that the apparently custodians and guardians of those valuable properties which had been made Waqf for promotion of the religion and upliftment of the community are looting them and the very aims and objectives of making them Waqf are being totally neglected. According to a survey, if these Waqf properties are maintained and utilized properly as per Waqf-makers' will (Waqf deed), all the economic problems of muslims will be solved.

These waqf properties form about 6 million acre of land which is biggest next to the properties owned by Railways and Defence Department. The income of the waqfs should be utilized for national and community services such as educational, medical services as well as for religious services like majlises and preaching etc.

Supervision and protection of these properties according to will of waqf-wakers is our collective responsibility. Many people of our society are witnessing embezzlement in these properties but they are of different categories. Some believe that protection of waqfs is such an issue for which any effort is useless. Some other kind of people say what ordinary men like them can do when the community's elders and influential persons are themselves harming the waqfs having become apparently custodians and protectors of them. Some of the people are those who want to get back the lost waqfs but they have no time for that and also lack knowledge about waqf laws.

Central government has made new laws for the waqfs and has set up a separate tribunal for the waqfs, but the ordinary and lay men of the community are unaware of all these things. To take benefit from these laws is a distant dream for them. The governments on the other hand are eyeing their own interest and the executive is playing a negative role in implementing these laws. If you support us, we can take back the lost waqf properties by means of newly formed laws and protect the rest properties in a better way.

### How can you help in protecting Waqfs.

If you have any waqf related document, will, waqf deed, or file of waqf case, please send the same to our email ([noorehidayat@gmail.com](mailto:noorehidayat@gmail.com)). If there is any misappropriation regarding any waqf property in your knowledge, please send its details along with photographs to us. Please seek informations about your city/locality under RTI Act and take copy of clause 37 and other information from Waqfs Board of your state and share the same with us.

Obviously this task is not casual and momental one but with the beginning you can help us in getting the lost properties of the Imam (as) and protecting the existing waqf properties to a great extent. You will, Insha Allah, get the best recompense for it from the Holy Masoomen (a.s.)

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